

LEGISLATIVE WORK.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Senate Confirms a Number of Them. The Senate has confirmed a number of the following school superintendents:

The Senate was called to order at 12 o'clock M. by Lieutenant-Governor Massey. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Thomas Van Sycow, of Pennsylvania.

HOUSE BILLS REPORTED.

The following House bills were reported from committees: For the repeal of game laws as they apply to the counties of Dinwiddie, Sussex, and Greensville; to incorporate the Danbury and Parkersburg Railroad Company; for the repeal of game laws as they apply to the county of Brunswick; to amend, &c., an act approved March 9, 1880, respecting wild game, with a substitute.

SENATE BILLS REPORTED.

To amend, &c., an act to incorporate the West Rockingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in force March 22, 1884; to refund to A. R. Green, treasurer of Halifax county, the amount of costs paid by him in a suit resisting the payment of coupons for State taxes; to amend the charter of the Town of Jeffersonville, in the county of Tazewell; to incorporate the Virginia Mineral Belt Railroad Company; to authorize the Lynchburg and Salem Turnpike Company to transfer to the city of Lynchburg the portion of said turnpike road lying in the city of Lynchburg; to incorporate the Richmond, Petersburg and Manchester Railroad Company.

PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 2, 3, and 4 of an act of the General Assembly, approved March 19, 1884, entitled an act to provide for the sale of lands delinquent for taxes and county levies. (The object of this bill is to have all lands returned delinquent sold annually.)

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Yeas—Messrs. Berry, Bibb, Buchanan, Biss, Coltrane, Dalton, Diggs, Dunn, Edwards, Elyson, Flannery, Henson, Hodges, Hurt, Jones, Keener, Kottler, Lovenstein, McDonald, Norton, Pettit, Rhea, Staples, Stubbins, Thurman, Trott, Tye, Wadkins, Williams, and Wingfield—29.

Nays—Messrs. Galt and Lee—2.

The bill, as passed, provides that the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, shall appoint three suitable citizens of the Commonwealth, who shall be known as the Building Committee of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute, and as such shall be empowered to control and disburse the funds belonging or appropriated to said institute, and in all respects to control and superintend the erection of the buildings of said institute. The members of this committee shall receive for their services the actual expenses incurred when engaged in and about their duties.

The bill further provides the duties and powers of the committee and closes as follows:

"The said Building Committee shall be subject to the control and supervision of the Board of Education, and may be removed by it and another be appointed by it in its stead.

"This act shall be in force from its passage."

ANNUAL REPORTS TO BE PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Dalton, Resolved, That the Superintendent of Public Printing have one hundred and fifty copies of the annual reports of institutions and officers of the Commonwealth, so far as the same have been printed, bound together in paper covers for the use of the members of the General Assembly.

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Young Men's Christian Association of Fincastle.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Johnson: Bill for the preservation of oysters and to obtain a revenue therefrom.

By Mr. Tavenner: Bill to authorize the authorities of the city of Winchester to establish water-works and to incur a debt for that purpose.

By Mr. Fentress: Bill to authorize and empower the Norfolk and Virginia Beach Railroad Company to exercise control over the lands sold at Virginia Beach for the proper regulation of the drainage and other sanitary matters.

By Mr. A. Fulkerson: Bill to fix the terms upon which general assignments for the benefit of creditors may be made.

By Mr. Dupuy: Bill to release the lands of the Commonwealth delinquent for the non-payment of taxes previous to 1881.

By Mr. Figgat: Bill for the relief of R. G. and W. W. Haden, of Botetourt county, for taxes erroneously assessed for the year 1878, &c.

By Mr. Cardwell: Bill to amend and re-enact section 17 of chapter 167 of the Code of 1873, in respect to the appointment of guardian of *idiotum*.

By Mr. Figgat: Bill to provide for the working and the keeping in order of the public roads of Botetourt county.

By Mr. Figgat: Bill to enable the town of Buchanan to aid in founding and maintaining a high school for boys at or near said town.

By Mr. Saunders: Bill to amend sections 48 and 52, chapter 6, of Code of 1873, relating to manufacturers of fertilizers.

By Mr. Peters: Bill for the better protection of game in Henry county.

By Mr